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**SEVENTIETH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**Assessors, Selectmen, Auditor**  
**and Superintendent of Schools**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN OF SEARSPORT**  
**FOR THE**  
**YEAR ENDING MARCH 1**  
**1915**

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# Warrant

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To *Elmer Webster*, a Constable of the Town of Searsport, in the  
County of Waldo, *Greeting:*

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Searsport, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town hall, in said town, on Monday, the 1st day of March, 1915, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To see if the town will accept the report of the selectmen and assessors as printed.
- Art. 4. To see if the town will accept the report of the auditor of town accounts as printed.
- Art. 5. To see if the town will accept the report of the superintendent of schools as printed.
- Art. 6. To choose three or more selectmen.
- Art. 7. To choose assessors of taxes.
- Art. 8. To choose overseers of the poor.
- Art. 9. To choose a town agent.
- Art. 10. To choose a town treasurer.
- Art. 11. To choose an auditor of town accounts.
- Art. 12. To choose constables.

Art. 13. To choose surveyors of sawed lumber.

Art. 14. To choose surveyors of wood and bark.

Art. 15. To choose surveyors of spars and timber.

Art. 16. To choose fire wards.

Art. 17. To choose fence viewers.

Art. 18. To choose sealers of leather.

Art. 19. To choose viewers and cullers of hoops and staves.

Art. 20. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the Free High School.

Art. 21. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the common schools.

Art. 22. To see how much money the town will raise for the superintendent of schools.

Art. 23. To see how much money the town will raise for school supplies and incidentals.

Art. 24. To see how much money the town will raise for textbooks for schools.

Art. 25. To see how much money the town will raise to repair school houses.

Art. 26. To choose a member of the school committee to serve three years.

Art. 27. To see if the town will raise \$350. for the support of Carver Memorial Library.

Art. 28. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of poor and other town expenses.

Art. 29. To see how much money the town will raise to repair highway and bridges, and how much to allow per hour for labor.

Art. 30. To see how much money the town will raise to repair sidewalks.

Art. 31. To see how much money the town will raise to pay for road breaking and how much per hour the past winter.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid, as provided in section 20 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913, on roads.

Art. 33. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533. for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of section 19 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913, or how much.

Art. 34. To see whether the town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for the maintenance of State highway during the ensuing year, within the limits of the town, under the provisions of section 9 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 35. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to pay no bills against the town to persons who owe the town for taxes.

Art. 36. To see if the town will raise \$50. for a Memorial service.

Art. 37. To see if the town will raise \$1,280. for the use of hydrants.

Art. 38. To hear the report of the fire department.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to maintain the present hose companies, and if so how much per hour, or year, or both, and how much money it will raise therefor.

Art. 40. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to locate and maintain an electric street light near the resident of Dr. F. K. Sawyer, on east side of Norris St.

Art. 41. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to locate and maintain an electric street light at the foot of Elm St.

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Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to accept a bequest left in the will of the late Mrs. Henrietta T. Nickels, providing the will, now in litigation shall be upheld. Said bequest reading as follows; "I give and bequeath to the Town of Searsport as a municipal corporation the sum of one thousand dollars to have and to hold in trust forever to the end and so that the annual income therefrom shall be annually applied to and for the benefit of such deserving poor of said town, as shall not be receiving pauper supplies, as shall be designated therefor by the Overseers of the Poor." Also to see if the town will vote that in no case shall the names of persons receiving benefits or aid through the above bequest be made public or published in the annual town report. In case the above legacy shall be accepted: to see if the town will authorize and instruct the town treasurer to receive this amount and to give his receipt therefor in behalf of the town.

Art. 43. To see if the town will take of the Penobscot Bay Elec. Co., the incandescent electric street lights located, at a cost not to exceed fifteen dollars per light per year, and how much money it will raise therefor.

Art. 44. To see if the town will allow discount on taxes and how much money it will raise therefor, or charge interest, and how much.

Art. 45. To choose a collector of taxes.

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The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office on Saturday, the 27th day of February, 1915, at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hand at Searsport, A. D. 1915.

FRANK I. MORTLAND,	}	Selectmen
CLIFTON WHITTUM,		of
JAMES P. NICHOLS,		Searsport, Me.

# Report of Assessors

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Valuation of real estate, resident .....	\$389,635 00
real estate, non-resident.....	215,969 00
personal estate, resident.....	161,209 00
personal estate, non-resident.....	33,300 00
Total valuation.....	<u>\$800,113 00</u>

Number of polls, 350

Rate of taxation, .022

The following amounts were assessed on the polls and estate of the resident proprietors and on the estate of the non-resident proprietors in the town of Searsport for the year 1914, to be collected in cash by the collector of said town, for the following purposes:

For Free High School.....	\$ 850 00
common schools.....	1,800 00
Superintendent of Schools.....	200 00
school supplies and incidentals.....	100 00
text-books.....	300 00
repairs on school houses.....	300 00
Carver Memorial Library.....	350 00
support of poor and other town expenses.....	2,300 00
repairs on highway and bridges.....	2,500 00
repairs on sidewalks.....	400 00
winter breaking.....	400 00
State road.....	400 00

For memorial service.....	50 00
use of hydrants.....	1,280 00
fire department.....	500 00
Elec. Co.....	630 00
brown tail moths.....	200 00
roller.....	100 00
insurance on public buildings.....	265 00
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	\$12,925 00

County tax.....	1,461 50
State tax.....	3,558 28
Overlay .....	707 70
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	\$18,652 48

Supplementary tax.....	18 05
Int. on taxes.....	17 65
Brown tail tax.....	23 00
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	\$18,711 18

### ASSESSED AS FOLLOWS

Real estate at \$605,604.00 at .022.....	\$13,323 29
Personal estate at \$194,509.00 at .022.....	4,279 19
350 polls at \$3.00.....	1,050 00
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	\$18,652 48

Supplementary tax.....	18 05
Int. on taxes.....	17 65
Brown tail tax.....	23 00
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	\$18,711 18



## ABATEMENTS

On taxes 1912-1913-1914..... \$139 14

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK I. MORTLAND,	}	Assessors
CLIFTON WHITTUM,		of
JAMES P. NICHOLS,		Searsport, Me.

# Report of Selectmen

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## RECORD OF SCHOLARS AND ACCOUNT OF SCHOOL FUNDS FOR 1914

### COMMON SCHOOLS

Amount raised by the town, last meeting . . . .	\$1,800 00	
Mill tax from the State . . . . .	1,141 42	
Common schools from the State . . . . .	1,213 47	
Tuition . . . . .	29 70	
	<hr/>	\$4,184 59

### DISBURSEMENTS

Deficit from 1913 . . . . .	\$ 279 36	
Teachers' salaries . . . . .	2,749 00	
Transportation . . . . .	648 14	
Janitors . . . . .	336 65	
Fuel . . . . .	442 52	
Tuition . . . . .	32 15	
	<hr/>	4,487 82
Making an overdraft of . . . . .		<hr/> \$303 23

### FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Unexpended from last year . . . . .	\$ 2 22	
Raised by the town . . . . .	850 00	
Received from the State . . . . .	500 00	
Tuition . . . . .	80 03	
	<hr/>	\$1,432 25

*Disbursements*

Teachers' salaries.....	\$1,352 00	
Janitor and fuel.....	80 00	
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		1,432 00

Making a balance due High School, \$ 25

Bills allowed by Selectmen and paid by their order on the treasurer.

Florence Keene,	for teaching Nichols Dist.	\$152 00
Agnes Gilkey,	" " "	19 00
Hortense Richardson,	" " "	180 00
Lillias G. Ford,	" Park "	320 00
Mrs. I. H. Havener,	" Grammar	198 00
Z. D. Hartshorn,	" "	216 00
Emma Nickels,	" Mt. Eph. Dist.	336 00
Margaret Nickerson,	" " "	80 00
Flora Marks,	" Porter "	88 00
Priscilla Nickels,	" " "	88 00
Ethel Studevant,	" " "	64 00
Nellie Carter,	" No. Searsport	144 00
Ethel Savery,	" "	144 00
Gladys Pendleton,	" Primary	180 00
Amy Kenney,	" "	180 00
Maude Smith,	" Intermediate	180 00
Angelia Harriman,	" "	180 00
J. W. Brock,	conveying pupils to Union School	63 35
John Innes,		24 12
W. R. Gilkey & Co.,	" "	535 00
Joseph Johnson,	" "	7 00
Sumner Nickerson,	" "	18 67
Sears Nickerson,	janitor.....	3 00
Harry Coleman,	" .....	10 00
John Carlson,	" .....	14 00
Robert Stuart,	" .....	14 00
Amy Littlefield,	" .....	3 00
Eugene Curtis,	" .....	12 00

W. A. Smith,	janitor.....	\$ 3 00
I. H. Havener,	" .....	188 50
Emma Nickels,	" .....	16 20
Adelbert Nickerson,	" .....	37 00
R. B. Lowe,	" .....	21 00
W. Donoldson,	" .....	8 25
R. A. Coleman,	" .....	11 00
H. N. Colcord,	" .....	1 00
A. Young,	" .....	22 00
Frank Knowlton,	" .....	3 00
Lillias F. Ford,	" .....	8 20
H. E. Donnell,	" .....	11 00
Mable Gross,	" .....	3 00
D. I. Robertson,	wood .....	38 25
Chas. Robertson,	" .....	13 00
J. H. Littlefield,	" .....	5 00
W. D. Smart,	" .....	11 97
C. M. Closson,	" .....	19 50
A. E. Trundy,	" .....	1 75
Henry Nickerson,	" .....	80
Herbert Black,	" .....	6 00
Chas. U. Curtis,	" .....	1 00
A. H. Conant,	" .....	31 50
Searsport Coal Co., coal.....		341 25
City of Belfast, tuition.....		14 40
Town of Stockton Springs, tuition.....		17 75

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\$4,288 46

Janitor and fuel for high school taken from this account  
and added to high school.....

80 00

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\$4,208 46

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL

H. E. Donnell, principal.....	\$461 00
Bernice Dunning, asst.....	216 00
A. J. Lineham, principal.....	450 00
Gladys Nash, asst.....	225 00
Fuel and janitor.....	80 00
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	\$1,432 00

## SCHOOL BOOKS

Edw. E. Babb & Co.....	\$225 28
Little, Brown & Co.....	2 08
D. C. Heath & Co.....	10 75
American Book Co.....	4 48
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	16 08
Ginn & Co.....	1 90
Milton, Bradley Co.....	15 05
Woldenbury & Schaar.....	20 45
Allyn & Bacon.....	2 94
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	\$299 01

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS

W. B. Woodbury, supplies.....	\$ 9 57
Woldenbery & Schoal, ".....	8 52
P. A. Sanborn, ".....	1 25
Mrs. Elizabeth Burgess, ".....	75
Loring, Short & Harmon, ".....	5 35
D. H. Knowlton, ".....	1 50
Howard & Brown, ".....	2 62
W. D. Smart, ".....	1 50
C. O. Sawyer & Co., ".....	30 00
West Desk Co., ".....	4 50
Goodhue & Co., ".....	1 25
A. J. Lineham, ".....	3 67

The Palmer Co.,	supplies	1 62
F. A. Nye,	"	6 50
Carl & Jones,	"	3 70
Central Scientific Co.,	"	5 69
E. A. Sargent, trucking		1 97
Lincoln Colcord, supplies		1 30
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies		4 00
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		\$95 26

## REPAIRS AND FURNISHINGS ON SCHOOL HOUSES

Adelbert Nickerson,	labor	\$ 5 20
R. A. Coleman,	"	1 38
A. L. Mosman,	"	40 14
C. O. Sawyer & Co., material		84 93
James E. Wentworth,	labor	13 90
W. D. Smart,	"	36 75
G. A. Bowen,	"	20 00
H. E. Robbins & Son, material		15 30
E. O. Bailey,	labor	9 87
J. H. Littlefield,	"	14 62
G. R. Wilson,	"	13 20
Matthews Bros., material		3 50
H. N. Colcord,	labor	6 25
S. L. Ridley,	"	29 80
Fred H. Curtis,	"	3 00
John Carlson,	"	12 20
R. B. Lowe,	"	5 00
A. E. Trundy, material		10 52
H. G. Peaslee,	labor	10 89
John Kelly,	"	1 00
I. H. Havener,	"	8 20
E. A. Sargent, trucking		3 35
M. E. Decrow, trucking		50
James Nickels, labor		1 00
Geo. S. Sargent, labor		2 75
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		\$353 25

## ROADS AND SIDEWALKS

Paid Ausplund, J. M.	labor	\$ 6 30
Ausplund, A. A.	"	23 70
Ames, Edmund J.	"	27 80
Averill, John	"	61 75
Averill, Charles	"	60 62
Ames, W. H.	"	47 40
Brock, J. W.	"	40 00
Baker, Willis	"	33 50
Black, Herbert, labor and plank		178 70
Blake, Leon	labor	8 80
Blake, E. K.	"	7 00
Buck, Silas P.	"	29 50
Buck, Geo. H.	"	4 00
Card, Stephen	"	40 00
Curtis, Hollis F.	"	41 90
Curtis, Chas. U.	"	63 80
Curtis, Fred H.	"	2 00
Curtis, Myron	"	4 00
Closson, C. M.	"	22 60
Closson, L. P.	"	40 60
Closson, Geo.	"	14 35
Clements, Edw. E.	"	19 00
Clements, Chas.	"	15 40
Carr, Albert N.	"	3 55
Carr, H. J.	"	22 00
Carter, Ernest	"	2 00
Colcord, Allen	"	4 00
Colman, H. S.	"	50 70
Colcord, H. N.	"	9 60
Cunningham, Chas. E.	"	35 50
Downs, W. S.	"	44 00
Dow, Chester	"	44 80
Deveraux, D.	"	9 50
Eames, C. A.	"	16 60
Eames, E. J.	"	11 00

Paid Eaton, L. C.	labor	67 50
Elkins, B. H.	"	17 00
Foot, Manley	"	1 50
Farquhar, John	"	6 40
Felker, H. H.	"	41 40
George, Levi D.	"	3 20
Gilkey & Son, W. R.	"	20 00
Gilkey, C. H.	"	6 00
Howard, Raymond	"	2 00
Harriman, Henry	"	9 70
Hill, John	"	13 00
Hill, C. F.	"	103 50
Hall, Frank	"	3 90
Innes, John	"	10 00
Kelley, John	"	2 00
Kellock, J. M.	"	22 00
Kneeland, J. H.	"	6 00
Knowlton, Frank R.	"	17 60
Knowlton, Emerson	"	3 00
Larson, G. W.	"	33 00
Littlefield, John H.	"	2 40
Littlefield, L. D.	"	85 00
Lowe, R. B.	"	2 00
Lenfest, C. E.	"	1 00
Mortland, F. I.	"	101 60
Mortland, Ralph	"	40 00
Matthews, Chesley	"	22 20
Matthews, W. J.	"	19 80
Merrithew, Archie	"	26 40
Maddocks, H.	"	16 00
Marden, James E.	"	15 20
Nichols, D. M.	"	7 60
Nickels, James	"	19 20
Nickels, John	"	4 00
Nickerson, Louis	"	11 20
Nickerson, David E.	"	6 80
Nickerson, M. H.	"	20 00
Nickerson, Sears	"	20 00



Paid Nickerson, Chas. A. labor .....	13 60
Nickerson, Eugene A. " .....	49 20
Nickerson, M. C. " .....	1 00
Nickerson, Arthur " .....	8 20
Nickerson, Warren " .....	18 20
Partridge, Geo. W. " .....	33 80
Peaslee, M. H. " .....	99 37
Ridley, S. L. " .....	16 00
Ridley, Arthur " .....	8 00
Robbins, H. E. " .....	16 16
Robertson, C. E. " .....	12 40
Robertson, David E. " .....	8 80
Roberts, Wellington " .....	49 50
Roberts, Ned " .....	13 00
Roberts, Geo. M. " .....	15 00
Smart, Elden G. " .....	22 90
Smart, William D. " .....	8 40
Smart, F. W. " .....	21 80
Sylvester, Geo. E. " .....	9 80
Sargent, E. A. " .....	78 19
Sargent, W. P. " .....	10 40
Sargent, Mial " .....	24 40
Seekins, Geo. A. " .....	45 60
Seekins, Cliff " .....	32 60
Stone, Harold " .....	6 55
Small, Fred A. " .....	18 10
Stinson, F. E. material .....	5 64
Stinson, A. ....	2 00
Stickney, E. L. material .....	6 00
Savery, E. L. labor .....	114 00
Scribner, P. L. " .....	8 60
Swift, R. D. " .....	13 00
Swift, C. N. " .....	4 00
Towers, William " .....	7 00
Tripp, E. A. " .....	15 00
Treat, James W. " .....	17 80
Trundy, Chester M. " .....	19 60

Paid Ward, M. C.	labor .....	34 09
Ward, Michael	" .....	12 00
Woods, Charles A.	" .....	30 60
Webber, F. W.	gravel .....	15 00
Webber, B. E.	labor .....	8 10
Wright, Frank	" .....	30 20
West, Wilson N.	" .....	26 90
		<hr/> \$2,865 57

## WINTER BREAKING

Paid Averill, Chas.	labor .....	\$25 05
Ames, W. H.	" .....	10 20
Ames, E. S.	" .....	14 00
Baker, Willis	" .....	6 60
Brock, J. W.	" .....	8 90
Bailey, E. O.	" .....	1 00
Black, Herbert	" .....	64 00
Blake, E. K.	" .....	11 40
Curtis, Hollis F.	" .....	6 80
Curtis, Chas. U.	" .....	3 60
Curtis, Fred H.	" .....	2 90
Chase, B.	" .....	3 00
Closson, George	" .....	1 05
Closson, L. P.	" .....	3 00
Colson, Eli	" .....	2 80
Colman, H. S.	" .....	12 00
Colcord, H. N.	" .....	4 20
Downs, W. S.	" .....	7 20
Dow, Chester	" .....	10 90
Eames, C. A.	" .....	4 80
Estes, Harold	" .....	1 40

Paid Elkins, B.	labor .....	8 60
Felker, H. H.	" .....	4 80
George, Will	" .....	9 60
Howard, Chas.	" .....	6 00
Harriman, Henry	" .....	2 30
Hill, John	" .....	1 00
Hill, C. F.	" .....	8 00
Innes, John	" .....	8 20
Jarrett, F. F.	" .....	1 80
Kneeland, J. H.	" .....	1 40
Littlefield, John H.	" .....	11 00
Lowe, R. B.	" .....	3 30
Lenfest, C. E.	" .....	6 00
Merrithew, Archie	" .....	21 80
Marden, James E.	" .....	9 00
Nickels, James	" .....	24 00
Nickerson, Louis	" .....	4 00
Nickerson, M. H.	" .....	2 00
Nickerson, Sears G.	" .....	3 60
Nickerson, David E.	" .....	13 60
Nickerson, Chas. A.	" .....	8 60
Nickerson, Eugene A.	" .....	12 20
Nickerson, Sumner J.	" .....	21 80
Partridge, Geo. W.	" .....	17 00
Parker, M. F.	" .....	2 00
Peaslee, M. H.	" .....	14 80
Rich, L. W.	" .....	1 00
Rich, Thomas	" .....	18 20
Robertson, C. E.	" .....	3 40
Robertson, Dan'l	" .....	3 80
Smart, Elden G.	" .....	4 20
Smart, F. W.	" .....	4 20

Paid Sargent, E. A.	labor	23 90
Sargent, Walter	"	3 70
Seekins, Geo. A.	"	21 20
Seekins, Cliff	"	13 40
Stone, Harold	"	1 60
Seekins, Chas. A.	"	11 60
Savery, E. L.	"	11 00
Scribner, P. L.	"	11 40
Treat, J. W.	"	5 50
Towers, M. W.	"	7 00
Trundy, Chester M.	"	3 00
Ward, M. C.	"	5 80
Woods, Charles A.	"	10 00
Wright, Frank	"	2 20
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		\$597 30

## SIDEWALKS

E. A. Sargent, plank	\$	36 00
F. I. Mortland, plank		18 00
C. E. Cunningham, labor		38 80
A. E. Trundy & Son, plank		126 63
H. E. Robbins & Son, plank		22 76
Ralph Mortland, labor cement walk		6 00
E. L. Savery, " "		6 00
C. F. Hill, " "		8 00
Ralph Sargent, " "		15 43
S. J. Card, " "		19 80
C. O. Sawyer & Co., cement for cement walk		98 64
Geo. S. Sargent, labor, cement walk		28 00
W. R. Gilkey & Son, plank		42 60
Arthur Sawyer, labor		5 00
Archie Merrithew, labor		7 20
W. E. Bowler, labor		9 90
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		\$488 76

## SUMMARY OF ROAD BILLS

Roads, labor and material . . . . .	\$2,865 57
Winter breaking . . . . .	597 30
Sidewalks . . . . .	488 76
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	\$3,951 63

## STATE ROAD

H. N. Colcord,	labor . . . . .	\$21 00
S. J. Card,	" . . . . .	50 00
L. P. Closson,	" . . . . .	16 00
E. S. Savery,	" . . . . .	85 50
Fred H. Curtis,	" . . . . .	8 00
Geo. B. Delano,	gravel . . . . .	5 80
G. M. Roberts,	labor . . . . .	12 00
Arthur Ridley,	" . . . . .	36 00
S. P. Buck,	" . . . . .	72 00
F. I. Mortland,	" . . . . .	60 00
Chas. E. Cunningham,	" . . . . .	34 00
C. M. Closson,	gravel . . . . .	30 00
C. F. Hill,	labor . . . . .	90 00
Michael Ward,	" . . . . .	40 00
Ralph Mortland,	" . . . . .	85 50
W. S. Downs,	" . . . . .	85 50
G. W. Larson,	" . . . . .	56 25
L. D. Littlefield,	" . . . . .	78 75
C. O. Sawyer & Co.,	material . . . . .	27 20
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		\$893 50

## MAINTENANCE ROAD

J. M. Kellock,	labor .....	\$10 00	
E. L. Savery,	" .....	34 00	
C. F. Hill,	" .....	34 00	
J. L. Cunningham,	" .....	13 15	
Myra A. Ordway, gravel .....		20 00	
Arthur Ridley,	labor .....	19 00	
M. W. Towers,	" .....	26 25	
G. W. Larson,	" .....	66 75	
L. D. Littlefield,	" .....	40 50	
Ralph I. Mortland,	" .....	27 00	
State Highway Department .....		100 00	
		<hr/>	\$390 65

## AUTOMOBILE ROAD

George Roberts,	labor .....	\$ 35 00	
F. I. Mortland,	" .....	70 00	
S. P. Buck,	" .....	74 25	
C. F. Hill,	" .....	117 00	
Ralph I. Mortland,	" .....	110 00	
E. L. Savery,	" .....	87 75	
S. J. Card,	" .....	30 00	
John Farquhar,	" .....	16 00	
John W. Hill,	" .....	57 00	
L. P. Closson,	" .....	47 00	
Arthur Ridley,	" .....	24 00	
G. H. Buck,	" .....	23 00	
C. E. Cunningham,	" .....	54 30	
W. S. Downs,	" .....	58 50	
Edmund Ames,	" .....	22 50	
A. E. Trundy,	" .....	4 36	
		<hr/>	\$830 66

## TOWN OFFICERS

F. I. Mortland, selectman, assessor, etc. ....	\$170 00	
Clifton Whittum, " " " ....	130 00	
James P. Nichols, " " " ....	165 00	
W. B. Woodbury, superintendent of schools,	260 00	
W. M. Parse, town clerk.....	15 00	
C. O. Sawyer, town treasurer.....	100 00	
W. D. Smart, collector of taxes.....	329 38	
James A. Colson, auditor.....	6 00	
J. S. Cunningham, truant officer.....	6 00	
Dr. S. C. Pattee, town physician.....	20 85	
Dr. S. C. Pattee, board of health.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,206 23.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Searsport Coal Co., coal.....	\$ 8 01	
Searsport Elec. Co.....	5 16	
Penobscot Bay Elec. Co.....	9 44	
Clarence Swift.....	80	
H. F. Partridge, labor.....	24 75	
M. F. Parker, fire ward.....	21 40	
W. R. Gilkey & Co., teams to fires.....	21 00	
Searsport Fire Co.....	225 60	
	<hr/>	\$316 16

## INSURANCE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS

B. F. Colcord.....	\$278 20
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## UNION HALL

Searsport Elec. Co.....	\$ 9 06	
Penobscot Bay Elec. Co.....	47 47	
E. J. Wentworth, labor.....	2 00	
E. R. Gray, janitor.....	6 50	
Searsport Coal Co.....	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$81 03

## ABATEMENTS

W. D. Smart, 1912.....	\$26 55	
“ 1913.....	56 39	
“ 1914.....	56 20	
	<hr/>	\$139 14

## SEARSPORT WATER CO.

For use of hydrants.....	\$1,280 00
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## PENOBSCOT BAY ELEC. CO.

Street lights.....	\$665 00
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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

J. W. Black, quarter-master of Freeman McGilvery Post G. A. R. as per bill rendered	\$50 00
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## CARVER MEMORIAL AND SEARS LIBRARY

Amount raised by the town.....	\$350 00	
Amount received from the State.....	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$385 00



# TREASURER'S REPORT OF CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Amount on hand Feby. 11, 1914.....	\$113 09
Membership fees Feby. 11, 1914 to Feby. 12, 1915 .....	23 00
State allowance for books 1915.....	35 00
Interest on Hannah T. Pendleton, library fund.....	6 12
Interest on Cyrus True, library fund.....	31 54
Grass on library grounds.....	5 00
Town appropriation.....	350 00

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\$563 75

Paid to librarian Mildred E. Shute.....	\$153 00
assistant librarian, Elsie Gilkey.....	24 00
janitor, Charles B. Deshon.....	106 00
substitute janitor, Fulton McElhiney.....	15 00
Searsport Coal Co.....	52 50
Penobscot Bay Electric Co., for light.....	14 57
E. A. Sargent, carting and grading.....	2 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books.....	4 86
Amount on hand Feby. 12, 1915.....	191 82

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\$563 75

## TOWN'S POOR

Mrs. James E. Marden, board and care of Chas. Seavey..	\$208 00
Mrs. James E. Marden, board and care of Nellie Putman	208 00
R. B. Ward, board and care of B. C. Towle.....	70 00
W. M. Parse, supplies for B. C. Towle.....	5 00
F. A. Nye, burial of B. C. Towle.....	33 00
L. M. Kneeland, board and care of Fred Carr.....	150 00
F. E. Whitcomb, supplies for Blake family.....	160 31
Geo. Partridge, wood for Blake family.....	28 53
W. M. Parse, supplies for Blake family.....	5 50
City of Rockland, on account of paupers.....	187 14
Clement & Adams, supplies for paupers.....	8 36

Dr. S. C. Pattee, services for W. S. Towers . . . . .	10 00
S. M. Webber, supplies for Manley Foot . . . . .	9 50
P. L. Gilkey & Son, supplies for " . . . . .	5 35
L. D. Littlefield, wood for " . . . . .	14 25
John Sweetsir, expenses for " . . . . .	2 00
Dr. S. C. Pattee, attending " . . . . .	3 00
Dr. S. L. Fairchild, attending " . . . . .	4 00
Waldo County Hospital, care of " . . . . .	7 50
F. A. Nye, burial of " . . . . .	38 75
James F. Coffin, digging grave of " . . . . .	4 00
W. R. Gilkey & Son, teams for burial Manley Foot . . . . .	5 00
P. L. Gilkey & Son, supplies for M. Dickey . . . . .	10 75
Mrs. Ella A. Buker, house rent for M. Dickey . . . . .	10 00
P. L. Gilkey & Son, supplies for Geo. Ausplund . . . . .	3 52
Dr. S. C. Pattee, attending J. La Flame . . . . .	17 60
F. A. Nye, supplies for " . . . . .	4 00
W. R. Gilkey & Son, team for " . . . . .	1 00
John Ranlett, expenses on W. Sullivan . . . . .	5 00
W. R. Gilkey & Son, expenses to Bangor Hospital . . . . .	10 00
City of Belfast, on account of B. B. Gerry . . . . .	8 40
W. R. Gilkey & Son, house rent for Fred Treat . . . . .	40 00
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies for paupers . . . . .	10 45
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	\$1,287 91

### INCIDENTALS

W. S. Mason, gathering brown tail moths . . . . .	\$47 50
H. N. Colcord, " " . . . . .	42 00
Jack Croce, " " . . . . .	14 00
Geo. A. Towle, " " . . . . .	79 00
W. P. Sargent, " " . . . . .	88 00
J. H. Sullivan, village cemetery . . . . .	5 00
James P. Nichols, exp. on town report for 1913 . . . . .	1 84
Searsport National Bank, interest . . . . .	58
Loring, Short & Harmon, valuation book . . . . .	8 00
Belfast Printing Co., ptg. town reports, 1913 . . . . .	36 00
Dr. W. L. Watson, births and deaths . . . . .	2 50

C. M. Conant & Co., parts for road machine . . . . .	4 25
Dr. S. C. Pattee, births and deaths . . . . .	6 75
Department of Ag., freight on weights and measures . . . .	3 22
Edmund Ames, sheep killed by dogs . . . . .	8 00
W. R. Gilkey & Son, teams for town use . . . . .	47 40
Elmer Webster, tramps and posting warrants . . . . .	2 50
F. I. Mortland, expenses on roller . . . . .	3 00
F. B. Smith, rent of office . . . . .	20 00
L. W. Rich, night watchman . . . . .	3 00
Fairbanks Co., weights and measures . . . . .	150 00
James P. Nichols, stamps, express, etc. . . . .	5 10
J. W. Black, envelopes . . . . .	54
Loring, Short & Harmon, road books . . . . .	1 50
C. M. Conant & Co., roller and road machine edge . . . . .	104 14
B. & A., freight on roller . . . . .	17 25
W. P. Sargent, wood for office . . . . .	4 00
Lester Young, labor on road machine . . . . .	9 00
R. D. Swift, watchman . . . . .	6 00
J. M. Kellock, watchman . . . . .	3 00
H. E. Bangs, moderator . . . . .	4 00
C. M. Conant & Co., road machine edge . . . . .	4 00
Elmer Webster, collecting dog tax . . . . .	8 50
Elmer Webster, posting warrant . . . . .	1 00
Elmer Webster, watchman . . . . .	3 00
L. H. Rogers, labor on road machine . . . . .	3 50
P. L. Gilkey & Son, supplies for office . . . . .	70
G. E. Marks, watchman . . . . .	3 00
Searsport Banks, interest on town orders . . . . .	93 86
B. & A., freight on weights and measures . . . . .	1 77
C. O. Sawyer & Co., hardware for town . . . . .	60 84
Chas. Nickerson, watering trough . . . . .	5 00
Elmer Webster, police for Maple Grove . . . . .	4 00
Elmer Webster, posting warrants . . . . .	1 00
United Construction Co., road drag . . . . .	35 00
J. C. Blanchard, expenses on Harbor hose house . . . . .	10 20
Rolfe Buck, sheep killed by dogs . . . . .	20 00
R. M. Thompson, watchman . . . . .	3 00
Mial Sargent, ballot clerk . . . . .	4 00

J. H. Sullivan, fixing trees at Village Cem.....	5 00
F. B. Smith, rent of office.....	20 00
L. W. Rich, watchman.....	3 00
Herbert Black, watering trough.....	5 00
W. R. Gilkey & Son, teams for collecting dog tax .....	16 00
Myron Parker, election clerk.....	2 00
J. B. Ames, repairs on road machine.....	17 90
Mrs. Elizabeth Burgess, printing.....	2 75
Dr. S. L. Fairchild, births and deaths.....	12 00
H. E. Bangs, legal advice.....	10 00
James Nickels, wood for office.....	3 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, book for town clerk.....	7 00
C. O. Sawyer & Co., hardware.....	53 41
Elmer Webster, care of tramps.....	5 50
Mrs. Mary Nickerson, watering trough.....	5 00
Searsport National Bank, box rent.....	5 00
J. H. Sullivan, ballot clerk.....	4 00
W. M. Parse, births and deaths.....	15 00
G. W. Partridge, wood for office.....	5 00
F. I. Mortland, tel. and telg.....	2 60
Elmer Webster, care of tramps.....	7 00
James P. Nichols, postage, tel., paper, etc.....	5 15
Loring, Short & Harmon, book for cem. trust funds.....	6 50
C. O. Sawyer & Co., material for town.....	1 42
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	\$1,209 17

## SUMMARY OF BILLS PAID BY THE SELECTMEN DURING THE YEAR

Common schools.....	\$4,208 46
Free High School.....	1,432 00
School books.....	299 01
School supplies and incidentals.....	95 26
Repairs and furnishings for school houses.....	353 25
Roads, labor.....	2,865 57
Winter breaking.....	597 30

Sidewalks . . . . .	488 76
State road . . . . .	893 50
Auto road . . . . .	830 66
Maintenance road . . . . .	390 65
Town officers . . . . .	1,206 23
Town's poor . . . . .	1,287 91
Fire department . . . . .	316 16
Union Hall . . . . .	81 03
Memorial service . . . . .	50 00
Penobscot Bay Elec. Co. . . . .	665 00
Searsport Water Co. . . . .	1,280 00
Carver Memorial and Sears Library . . . . .	385 00
Abatements . . . . .	139 14
Incidentals . . . . .	1,209 17
Insurance on public buildings . . . . .	278 20
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	\$19,352 26

### REPORT OF W. D. SMART—COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Uncollected taxes Feb. 7, 1914 of 1912 tax . . . . .	\$26 55
Abated . . . . .	26 55

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. SMART.

### REPORT OF W. D. SMART—COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Uncollected taxes Feb. 7, 1914 of 1913 tax . . . . .	\$431 12
Int. on same . . . . .	3 10
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	\$434 22
Paid C. O. Sawyer and abated . . . . .	346 40
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Bal. due the town Feb. 6, 1915 . . . . .	\$87 82

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. SMART.

## REPORT OF W. D. SMART—COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Amt. of 1914 tax committed.....	\$18,652 48
supplemental tax.....	18 05
interest.....	17 65
brown tail moth.....	23 00
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Whole amt. due town Feb. 10, 1915.....	\$18,711 18
Paid C. O. Sawyer, treasurer.....	18,261 06
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Balance due town Feb. 10, 1915.....	\$450 12

Consisting of uncollected taxes as advertised in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. SMART, Collector.

## LIST OF UNCOLLECTED WHOLE TAXES OF 1914

Frank Bell.....	\$ 1 10
A. M. Cox.....	1 10
Mary A. Floyd.....	7 70
Lincoln Berry.....	3 00
J. F. Coffin.....	10 15
Louisa Crosby heirs.....	2 75
Ernest Almolf.....	3 00
Ernest Dengles.....	3 00
Cliff Ellis.....	3 00
Benj. Files.....	3 00
Wm. Hamilton.....	3 00
Charles Hamilton.....	3 00
Carl Howard.....	3 00
E. S. Howard.....	3 00
Cliff Jackson.....	8 50
Charles Irving.....	3 00
Geo. Kenney.....	3 00
L. C. Keene.....	3 00

Charles Littlefield . . . . .	3 00
Leon Merithew . . . . .	3 00
Annie Nickerson . . . . .	4 40
James Pattee . . . . .	3 00
• Ferdinand Richards . . . . .	3 00
A. T. Peabody heirs . . . . .	2 20
Fred Gittigan . . . . .	3 00
M. J. Stuart . . . . .	3 00
Frank Thompson . . . . .	4 65
Melvin Verrill . . . . .	19 80
Norris Webster . . . . .	3 00
Wilbert West . . . . .	3 00

Amt. of whole taxes . . . . .	\$122 35
Fractional parts uncollected . . . . .	327 77
Whole amt. uncollected . . . . .	\$450 12

Feb. 10, 1915

# Report of Treasurer

C. O. SAWYER, Town Treasurer

## RECEIPTS

Cash in Treasury Feb. 7th, 1914.....	\$	103	64
Rec'd of W. D. Smart, Coll., balance of taxes of 1912...		26	55
“ “ “ taxes of 1913.....		343	30
“ “ “ interest on taxes of 1913 ..		3	10
“ “ “ taxes of 1914.....		18,261	06
“ Town of Stockton, tuition.....		43	35
“ “ Frankfort, tuition.....		29	70
“ “ Swansville, tuition.....		36	68
“ State Treasurer, improvement of State road...		182	71
“ “ dog licenses refunded, 1913...		60	36
“ “ Free Public Libraries.....		35	00
“ “ State pensions, 1914.....		615	00
“ “ registration of automobiles ...		563	70
“ “ Highway department.....		255	34
“ “ State roads.....		392	77
“ “ railroad and telegraph tax....		156	67
“ “ common school fund.....		1,213	47
“ “ school fund and mill tax....		1,141	42
“ “ Free High School.....		500	00
“ “ support of paupers.....		98	10
“ “ sheep killed by dogs.....		20	00
“ Harbor C. E. Society, for wood.....		3	00
“ Leroy Thomas, rent of Pest House.....		2	00
“ Wm. Parse, town clerk, dog licenses of 1914 ...		65	00
“ W. H. Morrison, weir license.....		5	00
“ J. R. Davis, weir license.....		5	00
“ Ernest Gray, account of Union Hall.....		286	00
“ Searsport Nat'l Bank, interest on deposits.....		23	45
“ Searsport Nat'l Bank, cash adv. on acp'd orders		1,220	75
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		\$25,692 12	



## DISBURSEMENTS

Paid town orders of 1914.....	\$19,352 26
State Treasurer, State tax of 1914.....	3,558 28
State Treasurer, dog licenses of 1914.....	65 00
County Treasurer, county tax of 1914 .....	1,461 50
State pensions of 1914.....	615 00
Searsport Nat'l Bank, amt. adv. orders 1913 .....	640 00
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	\$25,692 04
Cash on hand to balance.....	08
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	\$25,692 12

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Cyrus True fund, 1,000 B. & A. R. R. Bond, \$970.00, and cash in Bank, \$30.00.....	\$1,000 00
Mary A. Nichols Fund, 1 share Searsport Nat'l Bank Stock.....	100 00
Frank G. Nichols, registered bond.....	100 00
James Staples Fund, cash in Belfast Savings Bank	250 00
Samuel & Wm. Butman Fund " "	200 00
Geo. W. Colson Fund " "	100 00
Jeremiah Merithew Fund, cash in Searsport Sav. Bk.	100 00
John C. Beals " " " "	150 00
Daniel Sullivan " " " "	100 00
Samuel Curtis, Jr. " " " "	100 00
Charles F. Gordon " " " "	100 00
Abbie J. Sargent " " " "	100 00
B. F. Pendleton " " " "	1,000 00
Jas. G. Pendleton " " " "	200 00
Jas. W. Mosman " " " "	100 00
Harriet H. McGilvery " " " "	100 00
Lydia C. Carver " " " "	34 00
Hannah C. McGilvery " " " "	200 00
John W. McGilvery " " " "	150 00
Putnam Simonton " " " "	100 00

B. F. & E. M. Stevens Fund, cash in Searsport Sav. Bk.					50 00
Amos H. Ellis	"	"	"	"	75 00
D. S. & W. H. Goodell	"	"	"	"	150 00
Otis Black	"	"	"	"	100 00
John Sullivan	"	"	"	"	50 00
C. W. Hichborn	"	"	"	"	200 00
Eli O. Colson	"	"	"	"	25 00
Joseph Pendleton	"	"	"	"	100 00
Joseph Park	"	"	"	"	100 00
M. P. Erskine	"	"	"	"	100 00
David Towle	"	"	"	"	50 00
Joseph Wallnutt	"	"	"	"	100 00
Edna Black	"	"	"	"	100 00
C. F. Hill	"	"	"	"	100 00
Mary Kane	"	"	"	"	50 00
James H. Pendleton	"	"	"	"	75 00
Mrs. Evalina Carver	"	"	"	"	100 00
Marshall Dutch	"	"	"	"	50 00
L. Curtis	"	"	"	"	120 62
Clifton H. Havener	"	"	"	"	50 00
Joseph E. Nichols	"	"	"	"	50 00
Mrs. Charles Whitney	"	"	"	"	100 00
Julia Gilkey	"	"	"	"	75 00
Lettie A. Bray	"	"	"	"	50 00
Charles E. Adams	"	"	"	"	100 00
Ann L. McGilvery	"	"	"	"	150 00
Joseph Park	"	"	"	"	100 00
Phineas Pendleton	"	"	"	"	100 00
Benj. B. Park	"	"	"	"	100 00
James C. Merryman	"	"	"	"	100 00
Woodburn Nichols	"	"	"	"	50 00
Hannah B. Ford	"	"	"	"	100 00
Peter Ward	"	"	"	"	50 00
Clark Nichols	"	"	"	"	100 00
Augustus Webber	"	"	"	"	50 00
Angelina N. Carver	"	"	"	"	50 00
Mary Deshon	"	"	"	"	50 00
Mary E. Mitchell	"	"	"	"	50 00

Joshua Sargent	Fund, cash in Searsport Sav. Bk.	50 00
Thomas & Herbert Reed	" " " "	50 00
Mary Plummer & Millicent Dow,	cash in Searsport Sav. Bk.	100 00
Marietta Park	Fund, cash in Searsport Sav. Bk.	50 00
Harry L. Nason	" " " "	50 00
Geo. Morrow & Eliza J. Sand	Fund, cash in Searsport Sav. Bk.	100 00
Rufus Sargent	Fund, Savings Dept. Searsport Nat'l Bk.	50 00
Thurston Fund	" " "	200 00
Woodburn Carver	" " "	25 00
Edwin L. Griffin	" " "	100 00

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\$8,229 62

### TRUST FUNDS

Cyrus True, Searsport Library Fund	\$500 00
Hannah Pendleton, Searsport Library Fund	100 00

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\$600 00

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN FEBRUARY

6th, 1915

### *Assets*

Due from W. D. Smart, collector 1913	\$ 87 82
Due from W. D. Smart, collector 1914	450 12
Due from C. O. Sawyer, Treas.	08
Tax deeds valued at	160 00

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\$ 698 02

### *Liabilities*

Orders accepted and cashed by Bank	1,220 75
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Making an overdraft of \$522 73

FRANK I. MORTLAND,	}	Selectmen of Searsport, Me.
CLIFTON WHITTUM,		
JAMES P. NICHOLS,		

## Report of Auditor

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I have examined the foregoing accounts, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JAMES A. COLSON, Auditor.

# Superintendent of Schools' Report

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## MEMBERS OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lincoln R. Colcord, Chairman,

Term expires 1915

James H. Duncan,

Term expires 1916

W. D. Smart,

Term expires 1917

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Spring term (1914) opened March 23 and closed June 5

Fall term opened Sept. 14 and closed Dec. 18

Winter term (1915) opened Jan. 11, will close March 26

Spring term will open April 5 and close June 18

## SEARSPORT

School	WINTER 1914			SPRING 1914			FALL 1914		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
High School	14	15	29	12	13	25	10	12	22
Grammar	14	14	28	15	13	28	17	16	33
Intermediate	15	22	37	15	22	37	14	27	41
Primary	17	6	23	18	8	26	18	6	24
Nichols	8	13	21	10	13	23	14	8	22
Park	12	4	16	8	5	13	8	5	13
Porter	5	9	14	9	6	15	9	7	16
Mt. Ephraim	3	5	8	8	8	16	7	7	14
No. Searsport	7	14	21	7	12	19	7	12	19

April 1, 1914, there were 165 boys and 158 girls of school age, 5-21.

## STATISTICS OF TEACHERS

Name	Position	Permanent address	Number years experience	Number years in present position	State certificate	Salary
J. A. Linehan } Gladys Nash }	High School	Auburn	1	1	yes	\$900
		Cherryfield	4	1	yes	450
Alice Havener	Grammar	Searsport	9	1	yes	396
Maude I. Smith	Intermediate	Searsport	4	1	yes	360
Gladys Pendleton	Primary	Islesboro	0	1	yes	360
Florence R. Keene	Nichols	Searsport	1½	1	no	342
Lillias G. Ford	Park	Park	5	5	yes	288
Sadie Nickerson	Porter	Searsport	5	1	yes	288
R. F. D. 2						
Emma Nickels	Mt. Ephraim	Searsport	15	7	yes	288
Nellie H. Carter	No. Searsport	No. Searsport	0	1	no	288

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
FEB. 6, 1915

GENERAL SCHOOL PURPOSES

*Receipts*

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,800 00	
State mill tax . . . . .	1,141 42	
State common school . . . . .	1,213 47	
Tuition . . . . .	29 70	
	<hr/>	\$4,184 59

*Expenditures*

Overdraft of last year . . . . .	\$ 279 36	
Teachers . . . . .	2,749 00†	
Janitors . . . . .	336 65*	
Transportation . . . . .	648 14	
Fuel . . . . .	442 52	
Tuition . . . . .	32 15	
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Overdraft . . . . . \$303 23

†Which includes \$112.00 for orders presented after the town's books were closed last year.

\*Which includes \$18.20 for orders presented after the town's books were closed last year.

## HIGH SCHOOL

*Receipts*

Balance of last year . . . . .	\$ 2 22	
Appropriation . . . . .	850 00	
State . . . . .	500 00	
Tuition . . . . .	80 03	
	<hr/>	\$1,432 25

*Expenditures*

Teachers . . . . .	\$1,352 00	
Janitor and fuel . . . . .	80 00	
	<hr/>	1,432 00
Balance . . . . .		\$ 25

## FREE TEXT BOOKS

Raised by town . . . . .	\$300 00	
Paid . . . . .	299 01	
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Balance . . . . .		\$ 99

## SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS

Raised by town.....	\$100 00	
Paid.....	95 26	
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Balance.....		\$4 74

## REPAIRS

Raised by town.....	\$300 00	
Paid.....	353 25	
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Overdraft.....		\$53 25

## ESTIMATES FOR COMING YEAR

General school purposes.....	\$2,000 00
High school.....	850 00
Text books.....	300 00
Supplies and incidentals.....	100 00
Repairs.....	450 00
Supt.....	200 00



*To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Searsport:*

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the school report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1915.

Searsport schools have enjoyed another year of normal progress under the hands of competent teachers. The course of study has been made somewhat more definite and it has been possible, I think, to get more real study done than last year.

Only two teachers of last year's force, both held by home ties, have stayed with us. While we are fortunate in our new elections, we cannot fail to recognize the fact that this frequent change of teachers is bad for the schools that are obliged to make so many new starts.

The increased cost of living has raised the price of board and the additional qualifications required of teachers by the State have thinned the numbers from whom we can select.

One of the two principal needs of our schools, as I see them, is sufficient money to hold with us those teachers who make good. Teachers are of two kinds, good and poor. The latter we do not desire to keep and the former will not stay while other towns are paying more than we do for the kind of teacher we want our children to have. Let each parent ask himself, which is better for me and the town as a whole, a dollar a week additional—perhaps only fifty cents—to hold the successful teacher who has grown to know my child, or that amount of money in my pocket; from which it will soon go, it may well be for something much less valuable?

The second need requires no money but what is perhaps equally important, sympathetic interest and co-operation between the school and the home. The schools profit much when the parents follow up the work of the teachers, sympathetically, informing themselves on what the schools are trying to do, keeping their children each day at their desks and seeing to it that the school work comes first. It will be a great day when schools take the first place in our social life and other affairs have the back seats now so often given to school matters.

The work of the High School is covered by the report of its efficient principal.

The cost of transportation, \$648.14 for the last 40 weeks, has come to be a considerable item in the year's expenditures. It has been necessary to carry children from the J. W. Brock farm, the Back Road and the Shore Road to Belfast, the railroad station neighborhood and the Mortland Road. The State law leaves no choice in the matter. Sec. 2, Chap. 15 says: "The superintendent of schools in each town *shall procure the conveyance of all common school pupils residing in his town*, a part or the whole of the distance, to and from the nearest suitable school, for the number of weeks for which schools are maintained in each year, when such pupils reside at such distance from the said school as in *the judgment of the superintending school committee* shall render such conveyance necessary." If the School Committee believe that children live too far from school to walk the law obliges the Supt. to arrange for transportation.

The School Com. has done what it could to limit this expense but each year there appear to be more children to carry and, in some cases at an increased cost per pupil.

In spite of this cost the school financial standing is better than it has been for some time. The \$303.23 showing as an overdraft is due to the old overdraft of \$279.36 and \$130.20 paid on orders drawn the previous year but not presented till this year. All bills have been paid to the time of closing the town's books. A carefully thought-out budget and economy in expenditure have done away, this year, with the customary additional overdraft for general school purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. WOODBURY,

Supt. of Schools.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL

Searsport, Me.

*To Mr. William Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools and to the Members of the Board of Education:*

Gentlemen: I respectfully submit my report of the Seasport High School.

We have made only one change in our course of study this year. General Science is offered to the freshmen for one-half year in place of Physical Geography. The change has proved very satisfactory. I believe if this course was offered for the whole year and made to include a simple course in the elements of Agriculture that it would be still more valuable.

During the present school year the students as a whole have shown a decided interest in their work, and an understanding and regard for the teachers which has relieved discipline and made the school work more enjoyable.

A branch of the Maine State School Improvement League has been instituted in the high and grammar schools. The purpose of the League is the improvement of the students, mental, physical and moral, also of the physical appearance of the school house and grounds. We have received several interesting and instructive lectures from professional men in town. Others are to follow.

The school is a member of the University of Maine Discussion League. On Feb. 22, two representatives from this school will discuss "The Recall" with representatives from three other high schools of this county. This contest extends throughout the State, the final winner is to receive a four year scholarship at the University of Maine. Aside from this prize, the knowledge and practice of discussion will be of great value to the competitors.

In regard to the material needs of the school I shall mention but one.

Our prescribed course offers chemistry and physics alternate years. In order that an adequate course be given in physics next year considerable physical apparatus should be provided. The apparatus on hand is quite inadequate for the teaching of this very valuable study.

To be satisfied with the school as it is, would be a confession of inefficiency. Three courses of improvement are suggested.

The attendance should be increased, not alone that the school needs more pupils, but what is more important—the boys and girls need that which the school has to offer; education. Employers are more exacting, demanding greater efficiency. The uneducated boy or girl is greatly handicapped in life.

The standard of the school should be raised. This may first be accomplished by the co-operation of parents, who insist that their children perform a certain amount of regular home study, also by offering such courses as will appeal to the students.

More interest should be manifested by the towns people in the school. A Parent's Visiting Day is designated, as an inducement to parents to call and see the school in session. Other schools of no greater size and much less age have pictures, pieces of statuary, and libraries which make the rooms pleasant and the work more enjoyable. Bare walls and empty corners are suggestive of confinement.

A little less of indifference, a little more of generosity, and a little more of co-operation between town's people, officials and students and the school will be made worthy of the pride of every citizen.

JOSEPH A. LINEHAN,

Prin. High School.